

COMMERCE BROWNFIELD PROGRAMS

- A. The **BROWNFIELDS GRANT INITIATIVE** provides grants to businesses, organizations, and municipalities for redevelopment and environmental remediation activities on brownfield sites where the owner *is unknown, cannot be located or cannot finance the cleanup costs*.

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- ◆ Any individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, nonprofit organization city, village, town, county, or trustee in bankruptcy.

2. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Brownfields redevelopment or associated environmental remediation activities.

3. AVAILABLE FUNDS:

- ◆ The Department will award \$7 million during each fiscal year.

4. MATCH REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Each grant recipient must provide a financial contribution towards the total project cost. The minimum match contribution required is determined by the size of the award amount.

<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Match Contribution</u>
\$0 to \$300,000	20%
\$300,001 to \$700,000	35%
\$700,000 to \$1,250,000	50%

5. GRANT AWARD CRITERIA:

- ◆ The potential of project to promote economic development in the area.
- ◆ Whether the project will have a positive effect on the environment
- ◆ Amount and quality of the recipient's contribution to the project.
- ◆ The degree of innovation in the proposal for remediation and development.

6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- ◆ The Department must award at least 7 grants for projects that are located in *municipalities with a population of less than 30,000*.

7. CONTACT:

- ◆ **Jason Scott, COMMERCE, 608/261-7714**

- B. The **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-BROWNFIELD ELIMINATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (BEBR) PROGRAM** can help small communities obtain environmental assessments and remediate brownfield pollution.

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- ◆ Small Cities CDBG-eligible towns, villages, and cities, and counties other than Milwaukee and Waukesha.

2. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Phase I, II, or III environmental assessments, or the environmental remediation of a site.

3. AMOUNT:

- ◆ The maximum individual award is \$100,000 for an environmental assessment, and \$500,000 for an environmental remediation project.

4. AWARD CRITERIA:

- ◆ The applicant community must have a redevelopment plan in a place and demonstrate financial need; provide at least 25 percent of the public facility project funding and repay funds loaned by the community to a nonprofit or business; and commit to pursuing the recovery of environmental remediation costs from responsible parties.

5. CONTACT:

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C. PETROLEUM ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP FUND (PECFA)

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- ◆ Property owners or operators of tanks whose sites are contaminated by petroleum products.

2. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ The program reimburses eligible costs incurred in the assessment or remediation of the sites. Associated costs, such as for site monitoring, equipment permits, and temporary structures, may also be eligible.

3. AWARD AMOUNTS: SEE TABLE BLOW.

Owner/Type of Tank	Maximum Award Amount	Deductible
Home heating oil	\$7,500	25% of eligible costs
Underground, product not for resale	\$500,000	\$2,500 plus 5% of eligible costs, but not more than \$7,500 per occurrence
Underground, product for resale	\$1,000,000	\$2,500 plus 5% of eligible costs, but not more than \$7,500 per occurrence
Above-ground, product not for resale	\$500,000	\$15,000 plus 2% of eligible costs over \$200,000
Above-ground, product for resale	\$1,000,000	\$15,000 plus 2% of eligible costs over \$200,000
Farm	\$100,000	\$2,500 plus 5% of eligible costs, but not more than \$7,500
Public School/Technical College	\$190,000	25% of eligible costs

4. CONTACT:

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